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SUBSTANDARD FERTILIZERS AND SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey/test the samples of the fertilizers and seeds sold in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the percentage of fertilizers and seeds found sub-standard and assessment of losses made to the farmers thereto;

(c) the details of the areas of States from where such samples have been tested;

(d) whether the Government propose to take actions the erring companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The samples of fertilizers and seeds are periodically drawn by State Enforcement Agencies and tested to ensure their quality as per the provisions of Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985/ Seeds Act/ Seeds (Control) Order respectively. In addition few random samples are also drawn by Central Fertiliser Inspectors from the field and its reports sent to State Governments. The State wise samples of fertilizers and seeds drawn and found non standard during 2003-04 is given in Annexure I & II respectively.

(d)&(e): The administrative / legal action is taken against the non standard fertilizers and seed samples by the State Governments under the provisions of FCO, 1985 / ECA, 1995, Seeds Act 1966, Seed Rules 1968 and Seed (Control) Order respectively.

Annexure II

Statewise number of samples drawn and analysed during 2003-04

S.No.	State	No. of notified Inspector	Total No.of samples drawn	No. of samples found sub-standard
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	1160	9413	672
2	Assam	474	-	-
3	Andaman	-	-	-
4	Arunachal Pradesh	-	1029	147
5	*Bihar	NA		
6	Chandigarh	UT		
7	Chattisgarh	237	535	16
8	Delhi	10	163	3
9	Dadar & Nagar			
10	Diu & Daman			
11	Gujarat	76	3332	98
12	Goa	10	1170	-
13	Haryana	81	3281	65
14	Himachal Pradesh	225	675	-
15	J & K	6	192	11
16	Jharkhand	22	721	95
17	Karnataka	1232	6107	61
18	*Kerala	NA		
19	Lakshadweep			
20	Madhya Pradesh	4980	3360	271
21	Meghalaya	Nil report		
22	Maharashtra	884	10902	408
23	Manipur	Nil Report		
24	Mizoram	8	1000	245
25	Nagaland	Nil reported		
26	Orissa	748	1812	159
27	Punjab	1190	4195	313

28	Pondicherry	14	153	9
29	Rajasthan	352	3829	36
30	Sikkim	8	1304	18
31	Tamil Nadu	59	21685	1243
32	Tripura	54	-	-
33	Uttar Pradesh	228	4093	133
34	Uttaranchal	20	56	13
35	W.B.	258	4648	841
	Total	12348	80667	4785

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